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## OPGS News

**Free Service for Nonprofits.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)* provides nonprofit and government representatives with funding information at its Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). This computer center provides access to funding databases, as well as the Internet. Staff is available to provide information on additional resources. The GIRC is located at John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 324. To schedule an appointment, contact Eric McIntyre at (202) 727-8900.

## Federal Opportunities

**Public Health Conference Support Program.** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to provide support for specific non-federal conferences in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, educational programs, and applied research. This funding opportunity addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area(s) of Access to Quality Health Services: Arthritis, Osteoporosis and Chronic Back Conditions; Cancer; Diabetes; Disability and Secondary Conditions; Educational and Community-Based Programs; Environmental Health; Food Safety; Health Communication; Heart Disease and Stroke; Injury and Violence Prevention; Maternal, Infant and Child Health; Mental Health and Mental Disorders; Nutrition and Overweight; Physical Activity and Fitness; Public Health Infrastructure; Respiratory Diseases; Tobacco Use (among youth); and Vision and Hearing.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, private institutions of higher education, small businesses, nonprofits, and faith- and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** March 2, 2009.

**Funds:** \$2,600,000 is available to fund 100 awards.

**Information:** CDC Procurement and Grants Office at (770) 488-2700 or [PGOTIM@cdc.gov](mailto:PGOTIM@cdc.gov); or go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/FOAs.htm>.

**GrantID:** GD2986

## District Opportunities

**AmeriCorps\*State Competitive Grants.** *Serve DC* announces the availability of funds for fiscal year 2009–2010 to provide full- and less than full-time opportunities for participants (called members), to serve their communities and build the capacity of organizations to meet local environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, or other human needs. Proposals will be accepted to address specific problems of local communities within the following five issue areas: mobilize more volunteers; ensure a brighter future for all of America's youth; engage students in communities; harness Baby Boomers' experience; and help communities recover from and prepare for disasters. Special consideration is giving to FY 2009 projects that address one or a combination of the five strategic initiatives.

**Eligibility:** Local nonprofit organizations and/or state and local units of government. Programs applying to Serve DC for funding must operate the projects only within DC.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments and nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** October 31, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

**Funds:** \$40,328,000 is available. A match is required.

**RFA Release Date:** September 12, 2008.

**Mandatory Technical Assistance Sessions:** Applicant's attendance is required at one of the following sessions: October 2, 2008, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., 11th Floor City-Wide Conference Center, 441 4th Street, NW, Room: 1114; October 9, 2008, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., 11th Floor City-Wide Conference Center, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 1112; and October 15, 2008 (CONFERENCE CALL), 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Information and RSVP:** Natalie Wasserman at (202)727-9579, or [natalie.wasserman@dc.gov](mailto:natalie.wasserman@dc.gov); or go to: [www.serve.dc.gov](http://www.serve.dc.gov); or <http://www.opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,609787.asp>.

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**FY 2008 Public School Physical Fitness Activities Grant.** *Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)* is interested in assisting public schools in improving the physical fitness of students through programmed activities. OSSE is seeking applications to: improve the overall health and well-being of students through structured activities during recess and lunch periods and after school; involve teachers in the development of physical education activities in the classroom; and, develop and coordinate after school physical activity and academic enhancement programs. The target population for the grant activities is elementary and middle school aged children who attend public schools in DC.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations based in DC working in partnership with one or more District elementary, middle or senior public schools (DCPS or public charter schools) whose activities directly benefit the school and its parents and students.

**Deadline:** September 19, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

**Funds:** Awards up to \$200,000.

**Information:** John Parham at (202) 727-6437 or [john.parham@dc.gov](mailto:john.parham@dc.gov); or go to: <http://www.opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,609787.asp>.

**GrantID:** GD2990

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Department of Health (DOH)	FY 2009 Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program	September 8, 2008
Office of the Attorney General (OAG)	District of Columbia Poverty Lawyer Loan Assistance Repayment Program	September 22, 2008, At 5:00 p.m.
Office of the City Administrator (OCA) Justice Grants Administration (JGA)	Community-Based Violence Reduction Fund (CBVRF)	October 20, 2008
Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP)	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

## Foundation Opportunities

**Community Improvement Projects.** *The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation* is dedicated to improving the communities the company serves through support of public education, community improvement projects, and home safety initiatives. Support is provided to grassroots projects located in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** Open deadline date.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$5,000-\$25,000.

**Information:** <http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=frameSet&url=apps.bridgetree.com/funding/default.asp>.

**GrantID:** GD2989

**FY 2009 Lifelong Learning Coach (LLC) Host Site.** *DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation (the Trust)* in collaboration with the DC Office of the State Superintendant are soliciting applications from qualified service providers interested in serving as a Lifelong Learning Coach (LLC) Host Site. The roles and responsibilities of LLCs and Host Sites are to: provide basic literacy, GED preparation, workplace literacy, family literacy and/or English literacy services to adult learners in DC and link or refer them to other agencies for additional services; provide blended and/or distance learning opportunities that help District residents become fully literate, able to read, write, think analytically, problem-solve, use the computer, use the Internet, and acquire better workplace

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skills; and assist adult literacy providers to increase student outcomes and program performance as part of the state's continuous improvement initiative.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits, for-profit organizations, and government agencies.

**Deadline:** September 12, 2008.

**Information:** [lifelonglearning@cyitc.org](mailto:lifelonglearning@cyitc.org); or go to: [www.cyitc.org](http://www.cyitc.org).

**GrantID:** GD2987

**Seed Funds.** *The Sparkplug Foundation* announces funds to support start-up projects in the fields of music, education, and grassroots organizing. The Foundation seeks to provide funds to support: emerging professional musicians or music-development programs; education programs that deal with "the whole student" and with learning as a community activity; and projects to encourage activist strategies for addressing institutional injustices and for building a reasoned, just society.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** October 31, 2008.

**Information:** (877) 866-8285 or [info@sparkplugfoundation.org](mailto:info@sparkplugfoundation.org); or go to: <http://sparkplugfoundation.org/>.

**GrantID:** GD2988

## Announcements and Resources

**New IRS 403(b) Requirements.** *Mike Sorrells from Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland, L.L.P* provides a brief overview of the preparations needed to meet the new IRS 403 (b) requirements. The new IRS reporting and compliance regulations for 403(b) retirement plans will take effect on January 1, 2009. Most tax exempt employers and employees are aware that the 403(b) plan offers a significant vehicle for retirement savings. Unlike the 401(k) plan commonly used in the for-profit environment, 403(b) arrangements have never been regulated or subject to the same level of scrutiny by the government. However, this will soon change. For plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, 403(b) plans that are subject to ERISA will need to comply with the same annual reporting requirements as other tax advantaged (qualified) plans. For further information, go to:

<http://www.cbh.com/bulletin-403bplan.php>.

## Previous Announcements and Resources

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**2009 SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards.** *SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund* recognize outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the U.S. who work at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Projects must be sponsored by a school group such as a grade level, classroom, or club. The deadline for applications is November 28, 2008. Approximately 8 projects will be selected and receive \$10,000; an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event; 100 T-shirts to share with their school and community partners; and an award trophy and participation certificate for the project leader. For further information, go to: [http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects\\_Awards.html](http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects_Awards.html).

**Christian Leaders Sabbaticals.** *The Louisville Institute* awards funds to Christian religious leaders in the U.S. who are seeking a time for study, reflection, and rest for the renewal of their vocations. The program requires leaders to center on a theme of concern, topic of study, or focus of reflection designed to nourish vocational identity and commitment, refresh body and spirit while renewing relationships, and rekindle habits of heart and mind that sustain one for and in ministry. Eligible applicants include Christian clergy, church staff members, denominational staff, and others regularly employed in positions of Christian pastoral leadership, ordained and lay. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2008. Approximately 40 awards ranging from \$10,000-\$15,000 are available. The application deadline is September 15, 2008. For further information, go to: <http://www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/programs/sgpldetail.aspx>.

**Environmental Curricula Grants.** *Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation's* mission is to support educators in developing environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching that

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incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and individuals. The deadline for applications is September 27, 2008. Awards up to \$1,500 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.mgaef.org/index.html>.

**Outstanding Young Leaders Honored.** *Nestle USA* honors young people between 13 and 18 years of age who have excelled in school and are making their community and the world a better place. Nominees should have strong backgrounds in citizenship, school, community involvement, and reading. Honorees will be featured in a special publication and honored at a ceremony in Los Angeles, CA, in the summer of 2009. The deadline to submit nominations is November 20, 2008. Approximately 25 awards for \$1,000 will be donated in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. For further information, go to: <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/>.

**Partial Scholarships for Washington, DC Nonprofit Organizations.** *The Foundation Center – DC* is offering partial scholarships to assist small, community-based nonprofit organizations in Washington, DC to attend its upcoming full-day training seminars. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations based in and serving the Washington, DC area with budgets under \$1,000,000. The application deadline is September 22, 2008, to attend any seminar (with the exception of the Grantseeker Training Institute) from November 2008 through January 2009. For further information, contact the Foundation Center – DC at (202) 331-1400.

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.** *Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals* honor middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Eligible applicants include any young person grades five through twelve who has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application. Deadline for applications is October 31, 2008. Local honorees are selected in November, and from these winners, two state honorees are chosen from each state and the District of Columbia. Ten national honorees are selected and announced at a ceremony in Washington, DC, in May of 2009. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, for national recognition events. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.prudential.com/spirit/>.

**Teach Award Program.** *Best Buys* recognizes and rewards creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. Winning programs focus on kids using technology to learn standard-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on. Eligible applicants include nonprofit K-12 public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter schools. The deadline for applications is October 12, 2008. Awards range from \$1,000-\$10,000. For further information, go to: <https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>.

**Teacher Grants.** *The School, Home, & Office Products Association Kids In Need Foundation* announces funds to support K-12 educators with providing innovative learning opportunities for their students. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2008. Awards range from \$100-\$500. For further information, go to: <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/index.php>.

**The City Recycling Challenge.** *The U.S. Conference of Mayors* is accepting applications to reward cities for recycling aluminum beverage cans. Cities will compete against like-sized cities in four divisions determined by population. The following types of awards are being offered: Most Cans Collected awards will be presented to the city in each division that collects the most recyclable aluminum beverage cans between October 1 and October 31, 2008; Most Innovative Ideas awards will be presented to one city in each division for developing the most exciting ideas to promote aluminum beverage can recycling in their community; and Partner with Local Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Affiliate awards recognize cities that partner with their local KAB organization to create the most sustainable aluminum beverage can recycling initiative. The deadline to enroll is September 30, 2008. Awards range from \$2,500-\$5,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.cans4cash.com/cansforcash/default.aspx>.

**Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards.** *The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation* acknowledges the critical role of child care teachers in providing quality early care and education. Child care teachers from all fifty states and the District of Columbia will be selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Each applicant is asked to design an enhancement project for the children in



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their classroom illustrating the educational, social, and emotional benefits of the project. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2008. Approximately 50 awardees will receive \$500 - \$1000 as a stipend acknowledging each child care teacher's special dedication and \$500 to fund the classroom enhancement project they designed. One recipient will receive the Helene Marks Award and an additional \$1,000. Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony in Pennsylvania on April 1, 2009. For further information, go to: [http://www.tlccf.org/pr\\_nccta.php](http://www.tlccf.org/pr_nccta.php).

## Tools

**All About Grants.** *Grants.gov* announces its All About Grants page, a new applicant resource featuring content and information from all 26 federal grant-making agencies, affiliated grant associations and the applicant community. This section of the website is focused on keeping the applicant up to date with grant information relevant to the applicant's needs, by providing a "tip of the month", webinars, events, tips and resources from grantors, articles and resources, and a listing of affiliated grant associations and organizations. For further information, go to: [http://grants.gov/applicants/all\\_about\\_grants.jsp](http://grants.gov/applicants/all_about_grants.jsp).

**Effective Practices for Engaging At-Risk Youth in Service.** *Youth Service America* announces a new publication designed to provide an overview of the underlying theory and effective practices for promoting service-learning for young people. Public officials, youth service and service-learning practitioners and teachers, researchers, and others whose mission is to plan and implement community service programs for youth will find this guide helpful. To review and download a copy, go to: [http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging\\_At-Risk\\_Youth\\_in\\_Service.pdf](http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging_At-Risk_Youth_in_Service.pdf).

**Innovations in Effective Compassion.** *White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives* recently updated its Innovations in Effective Compassion Web site. On the site, you can explore ways the Faith-Based and Community Initiative has transformed government's approach to addressing human need, how nonprofits have been strengthened, and how faith-based and community groups have partnered with government to bring both help and hope to millions in need across America and beyond. The site includes a wealth of research, evaluations, practical tools, and other resources. For more information, go to: [www.innovationincompassion.hhs.gov](http://www.innovationincompassion.hhs.gov).

**Volunteering in American.** *Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS)* announces a website initiative that provides an in-depth look at volunteering trends, statistics, tools, and resources throughout the U.S. The website provides insight into who is volunteering, what types of volunteer activities they're doing, and what motivates them to begin and sustain their service. Comprehensive information on volunteering in all 50 states and 162 cities across the country is provided. Users can assess how states and cities rank by volunteer rates and volunteer hours, as well as other factors related to volunteering. For further information, go to: <http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/>.

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